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Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

- 1. (Previously Presented) A content on demand system comprising: a server adapted to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the at least one stream, the markers comprising position data in the at least one stream; and to receive from a set top box a marker obtained from the stream and comprising position data for an audio and/or video stream for which the set top box has paused or suspended viewing, and upon a signal from the set top box to resume streaming of the audio and/or video stream from a position proximate to the position data indicated by the marker.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The content on demand system of claim 1, the server further adapted to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert markers in the at least one stream, the markers indicating a rating of content of the stream proximate to a position of the marker.
- 3. (Previously Presented) A content on demand system adapted to deliver at least one audio and/or video stream and to insert one or more of position, rating, restrictions, or commercial markers in the at least one stream and to terminate rendering of the audio and/or video stream when an insufficient number of the markers are detected within a time interval.
- 4. (Previously Presented) A set top box comprising adapted to scan an audio and/or video stream for one or more of position, rating, restrictions, or commercial markers; and to terminate rendering of the audio and/or video stream when an insufficient number of the markers are detected within a time interval.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 4, wherein at least one marker indicates proximity of an end of the audio and/or video stream.

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6. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 4, wherein at least one marker indicates proximity of an advertisement in the audio and/or video stream.

7. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 4, wherein at least one marker indicates a rating of content of the audio and/or video stream.

8. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 4, further adapted to inhibit at least one of fast forward, rewind, pausing, skipping, or playing of the audio and/or video stream.

9. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 4, adapted to inhibit at least one of viewing or listening of the audio and/or video stream when the rating is mature content.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 4, adapted to enable rendering and/or navigation of the audio and/or video stream when a marker indicating an end to a restricting condition is encountered in the audio and/or video stream.

12. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an end of the audio and/or video stream.

13. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: proximity of an advertisement in the audio and/or video stream.

14. (Original) The set top box of claim 11, wherein the restricting condition further comprises: a rating of content of the audio and/or video stream.

15. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 11, further adapted to enable at least one of fast forward, rewind, pausing, skipping, or playing of the audio and/or video stream.

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16. (Previously Presented) The set top box of claim 11, further adapted to enable at least one of viewing or listening of the audio and/or video stream when the rating is no longer mature content.